Aug 05 2004 9:04AM

Hartman & Hartman, P.C.

(219) 464-1166

OFFICIAL

HARTMAN AND HARTMAN, P.C. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ATTORNEYS 552 EAST 700 NORTH VALPARAISO, INDIANA 46383

GARY M. HARTMAN DOMENICA N.S. HARTMAN

Also Admitted to Practice in Michigan

TEL:(219)462-4999 FAX:(219)464-1166

OFFICIAL

December 30, 2003

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

FAX # (703) 872-9302

PRECEIVED

CENTRAL FAX CENTER

Attention: Examiner MARK ROSENBAUM

Group Art Unit 3725

Phone Number: (703) 308-1788

AUG 0-5 2004

Re: OFFICIAL RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

The following is an OFFICIAL RESPONSE to an Office Action filed November 7, 2003, in the below-identified U.S. Patent Application.

Application No.

09/683,967

Confirmation No. 9298

Applicant

Douglas R. Sparks

Filed:

March 7, 2002

TC/Art Unit:

3725

Examiner

Mark Rosenbaum

Docket No.

A1-1423

Submitted by:

Domenica N.S. Hartman

Reg. No. 32,701

The information contained in this facsimile message is privileged or confidential information to be used only for the purposes intended by the individual or entity named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible for delivering it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is neither allowed nor intended. If you have received this communication in error, please immediately notify us by telephone at the above number, and return the original message to us at the above address via the United States Postal Service. Postage will be reimbursed upon request.

Page 1 of 20

(219) 464-1166

OFFICIAL.

OFFICIAL

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Date: December 30, 2003

RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

AUG 0 5 2004

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.:

09/683,967

Confirmation No. 9298

Applicant

Douglas R. Sparks

Hartman

Filed:

March 7, 2002

TC/Art Unit:

3725

Examiner

Mark Rosenbaum

Docket No.

A1-1423

Customer No.

27127

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR \$1,111

Please charge the \$55.00 fee under 37 CFR §1.20(d) for the statutory disclaimer filed herewith to the deposit account of Hartman & Hartman, P.C., Account No. 08-0960.

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2003 (Paper No. 5), please amend the above-identified United States patent application as follows: